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Prior Art Statement

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicant is aware of the following prior art:

1. Huddle U.S. Patent 1,375,912 discloses a convertible cane comprising an outer cane having a hollow interior for receiving an interior cane.

2. Ries U.S. Patent 2,734,554 shows a walker which can be laterally expanded to provide a stable walking aid and which can be collapsed for stowage.

3. Hoffman U.S. Patent 4,556,075 discloses a convertible cane comprising an outer cane having a hollow interior for receiving an interior cane.

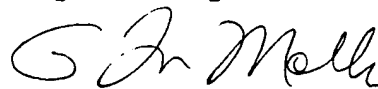
4. Stutz U.S. Patent 5,339,849 shows a pair of crutches that are connected together so they can be stowed by leaning the assembly against a wall.

5. Horvitz U.S. Patent 6,206,019 discloses a pair of canes which are connected by a scissors linkage so the canes can be separated to provide a walker type device.

6. LeBour EPO application WO 92/17142 shows a pair of crutches that are connected together so they can be stowed by leaning the assembly against a wall.

A copy of each of the above is attached.

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